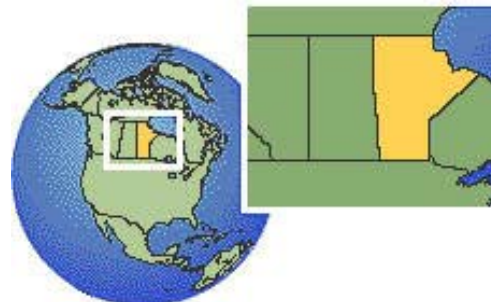




Fact Sheet Manitoba

MANITOBA'S PLACE IN THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

Manitoba is rich in farmland and extensive minerals (primarily nickel), hydroelectric energy, and forest resources. Industries with strongest growth are wood, other durables, food, fabricated metals, clothing and machinery. Strongest sectors in the province are agriculture, manufacturing, services and hydro-electricity. In 2004 Manitoba's population increased by 8,700 to 1,170,300, the largest increase since 1986. Manitoba's retail sales have increased 8.2% in 2004, the second-highest increase among provinces. Forecasters expect real growth in Manitoba to accelerate to 2.7% in 2004 and 3.0% in 2005.



Manitoba's Top 5 Imports 2003 (% of total imports)

Machinery	23.9%
Motor vehicles & parts	12.6%
Electrical machinery & equipment	6.7%
Plastics	4.3%
Aircrafts & parts	3.8%

Manitoba Import Suppliers 2003 (% of total imports)

<i>United States</i>	<i>79.1%</i>
France	3.6%
China	2.7%
Germany	1.9%
Mexico	1.9%

Manitoba's Top 5 Exports 2003 (% of total exports)

Mineral fuels and oils	10.3%
Cereals	8.6%
Oil seeds	7.5%
Machinery	7.1%
Motor vehicles & parts	7.0%

Manitoba's Export Market 2003 (% of total exports)

<i>United States</i>	<i>76.3%</i>
Japan	5.4%
Mexico	2.3%
China	1.6%
Hong Kong	1.4%

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- ◆ 1.2 million people live in Manitoba
- ◆ Manitoba's GDP is \$M21,154 (US)
- ◆ Manitoba's GDP/capita is \$18,190 (US)
- ◆ Manitoba borders the states of Minnesota and North Dakota
- ◆ Manitoba is the largest hog-producing province of the three Prairie Provinces.
- ◆ Manitoba's capital city is Winnipeg with a population of 650,000.
- ◆ Manitoba is home to Canada's largest mutual fund company, Investors Group, and its largest life insurance company, Great West Life Assurance.
- ◆ Churchill is Manitoba's northern seaport and the only saltwater seaport in the prairies.
- ◆ Manitoba has 80 call centers, and over 75,000 strand kilometers of fibre-optic cabling.
- ◆ Winnipeg is home to the Canadian Wheat Board, the marketing agency established in 1935 for Western Canadian wheat and barley.
- ◆ Transportation & Warehousing industry contributes \$US1.6 billion to Manitoba's GDP.

Sources:
Industry Canada, Government of Manitoba, Statistics Canada

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